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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6537

BILL NUMBER: SB 156

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 3, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Notice of Utility Rates, Bonds, and Taxes.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Landske

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a municipally owned utility to mail notice of bond issues, tax levies, and proposed rate changes to residents or owners of property located in the utility's service area or taxing district but outside the corporate boundaries of the municipality. It also requires the Utility Regulatory Commission to mail notice of certain hearings to these residents and property owners.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill will require the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to send certain notices, via certified mail, to all residents and owners of real property that are located within the geographic area served by a municipally owned utility but are outside the corporate boundaries of the municipality. The United State Postal Service rate for a certificate of mailing is \$2.30, in addition to the cost of postage. Because it is unknown how many notices will be mailed due to this bill, the fiscal impact can not be estimated.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Municipalities that own utilities are required by this bill to send notices in the same manner as mentioned above for the IURC. The fiscal impact on the municipalities is also based on the number of notices mailed, so the fiscal impact can not be estimated.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: IURC

Local Agencies Affected: Municipalities owning utilities.

Information Sources: United States Postal Service website: usps.com

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